

NOT VOTING—28

Army	Frank (MA)	Peterson (PA)
Bonilla	Gonzalez	Riggs
Bonior	Hastings (FL)	Schiff
Chenoweth	Hefner	Schumer
Collins	Hostettler	Torres
Conyers	Hoyer	Whitfield
Crane	Hunter	Young (AK)
Diaz-Balart	Hyde	Young (FL)
Foglietta	McCrary	
Forbes	Moran (VA)	

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So the Journal was approved.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mrs. LOWEY. Mr. Speaker, I missed rollcall 419 through 425 because of the birth of a beautiful new grandson, Daniel Henry Luttway. Had I been present, I would have been delighted to vote "aye."

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. HEFLEY). Please receive the congratulations of the House.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mrs. CHENOWETH. Mr. Speaker, earlier today I was unavoidably detained and missed rollcall vote 427. Had I been here, I would have voted "yea."

IN APPRECIATION OF COMMISSIONER ROBERT A. WATSON

(Mr. JONES asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. JONES. Mr. Speaker, I would like to extend my appreciation to Commissioner Robert A. Watson for his words and wisdom as he opened the House of Representatives in prayer this morning.

Commissioner Watson was born in eastern North Carolina. He has made invaluable contributions to our society. He has led a lifetime of service to his community and to his fellow man throughout the world.

Commissioner Watson and his wife, Alice, have served together as officers in the Salvation Army for more than 40 years. Since November 1995, they have served as the organization's national leaders for the United States. The Watsons' selfless work in both the Salvation Army and many other charitable organizations has helped countless individuals worldwide.

Commissioner Watson is an outstanding American, an invaluable asset to our society, and a true man of God. I thank him for his words this morning, for his inspiration, and for all that he does to make our world a better place.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain fifteen 1-minutes on each side.

WE DO NOT NEED CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM

(Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, it is impossible for me to believe the hypocrisy coming from the White House on campaign finance reform and the way we have been treated on this floor. We just wasted 45 minutes.

Just days after Attorney General Janet Reno started a 30-day investigation into Clinton and GORE's fund-raising practices, he has the audacity to threaten to call Congress back into session if we adjourn without at least debating campaign finance reform.

I feel compelled to point out that we do not need campaign finance reform, we need elected officials who will follow the current law. If we enforce the laws, such as no foreign contributions, we would not need an independent counsel to tell us that President Clinton and Vice President GORE broke the law, plain and simple.

Mr. Speaker, the President should be using that phone in the White House to do his job, not line his pockets.

CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM

(Mr. DOGGETT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. DOGGETT. Mr. Speaker, a meaningful reform of the way Federal campaigns are conducted has been obstructed by one Republican roadblock after another.

Yesterday, half of the route was cleared. It did take a letter from the President saying he would convene a special session to deal with this issue if necessary. It took the leadership of the minority leader to say that no committees would meet. And yet, the reform is proceeding in half this Capitol building in Washington. Outside the people's House, there is a giant "yield right of way sign." It says "yield right of way to the arrogance of a Republican leadership that will not schedule 1 minute of debate on this issue." It is a giant "yield right of way sign" to the special interests who keep dumping in more and more soft money to soften up this Republican leadership.

Well, today we are escalating the action for reform and demanding that this issue be considered not only in the Senate, but here in the House, so that there can be genuine bipartisan reform to address this arrogance.

PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY

Mr. HINCHEY. Mr. Speaker, parliamentary inquiry.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman will state his parliamentary inquiry.

Mr. HINCHEY. Mr. Speaker, since the majority party in this House has

not scheduled an opportunity for the House to debate and vote upon campaign finance reform, my inquiry is, why are we recessing tonight between 3 and 6 p.m. and then coming back for votes which will run later on into the evening?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair cannot respond to that. That is not a parliamentary inquiry.

TAX PACKAGE REINFORCES COMMITMENT TO EDUCATION

(Mr. NEUMANN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. NEUMANN. Mr. Speaker, back when I was growing up, my daddy taught me how to read a map; and the first thing he taught me is I had to know where I was before I could decide how I was going to get to where I was going to.

When we talk about campaign finance reform, I think the first thing we ought to do is make sure that the laws that are currently on the books are being enforced and understood by the people. So before we can figure out what needs to be changed, somebody ought to make sure that the laws that are already on the books are being enforced.

And in fact, that is what is going on right now. But the other side does not care to talk about that, because, of course, there have been some violations down the street on Pennsylvania Avenue as it comes to that.

So I think, just like my daddy taught me when I was growing up, we need to know where we are at first so that we should spend enough time making sure that those laws are being enforced.

I really rose this morning to reinforce how important education is to our side of the aisle and how it is reflected in the tax cut package. As a former math teacher and a father of three, two in college, and one in high school, I would just like to point out how the tax cut package reinforces our commitment to education. From the \$500 per child education savings account opportunity for parents who want to save for their children growing up, they can put \$500 a year per child into a savings account. That money accumulates tax free for their children when they need the education.

LORETTA SANCHEZ ELECTION

(Mr. MENENDEZ asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, 10 months ago the people of the 46th District of California spoke. They decided to elect the gentlewoman from California [Ms. SANCHEZ] as their Representative in Congress, an election certified by the Republican California Secretary of State.

Mr. Dornan and some Republicans do not like that. But in our system, they